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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARIA BETANCOURT and PEDRO  
 BETANCOURT, individually and on behalf of  
 all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., a New York  
 corporation; CITIBANK, N.A., a national  
 banking association; CITIGROUP, INC., a  
 Delaware corporation; and Does 1-100,

Defendants.

No. CV10-03168-JL

**DECLINATION TO PROCEED BEFORE  
 A MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
 AND  
 REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A  
 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The undersigned party in the above-captioned civil matter hereby declines to consent to the  
 assignment of this case to a United States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby  
 requests the reassignment of this case to a United States District Judge.

Dated: September 9, 2010

s/ Steven E. Rich

Signature

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